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NEW MOON, 13th day, 0 hour, 45m morning.

BOSTON, WORCESTER AND ALBANY,
via PROVIDENCE.

Breakfast on board of the Boat.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 25th, 1849, the steamboat PERRY, Capt. Gilbert Woolsey, will run between Providence and Newport in connection with trains of the Boston and Providence and Providence and Worcester Railroads, as follows, viz.—

Will leave Sayer's Wharf, Newport, at 5 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Butler's Wharf, West side, near the Bridge, Providence, at 10 A. M. and 6 P. M., or on arrival of trains from Boston and Worcester.

Passengers may procure tickets for Boston, Worcester and Albany, on board of the boat and at Rail Road stations at Albany, Boston and Worcester, for Newport.

Passengers leaving Albany in the morning may remain all night at Worcester, and arrive at Newport the next day at noon; or leave Saratoga in the forenoon, or Albany at 2 P. M., spend the night at Springfield, and arrive at Newport the next evening.

Passengers leaving Newport in the morning may continue through to Boston, Worcester and Albany, arriving at Albany the same evening or leaving Newport at 10 o'clock P. M., may sleep at Springfield, and arrive at Albany at 1 P. M. next day, and leave for Saratoga at 2 P. M.

Passengers leaving New York in the morning, via New Haven Railroad, may arrive at Newport (via Worcester and Providence) same evening, and leaving Newport at 5 P. M. by same route arrive at New York at 7 A. M.

Passengers and baggage transported (free of charge) between the boat and cars at Providence.

FARES.—From Newport and Albany, \$1.50.
" " " Boston, \$1.50.
" " " Worcester, \$1.50.
" " " Providence, 50

17 Passengers wishing BREAKFAST, by giving notice at the office as soon as possible after leaving the wharf, can be provided for on board the boat.

[June 23.

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BONNETS! Bonnets!

A new and beautiful assortment of STRAW BONNETS, for sale cheap at No.

261 Thames street,
by A. SHERMAN.
Newport, May 12.

ICE CREAM.

MADE of pure cream and of unequalled flavor and richness. We have no hesitation in saying (as one trial will prove) that a better or more delicious article cannot be produced in the country. We pay an extra price for our cream, and the testimony in its favor which we daily receive is highly flattering to ourselves, and fully substantiates what we assert. One trial is all we ask to insure future patronage. We have 4 rooms adapted to this branch, which are open from 10 o'clock, A. M., to 11 o'clock, p. m. Families supplied at 50 cts per quart in Pyramids and otherwise. H. H. YOUNG, Park Saloon.

Aug. 4, 1849.

MURRAY HOUSE,
CORNER OF PELHAM & CORNE STREETS
NEWPORT, R. I.

Is now open for the reception of company, by the subscriber, (under the direction of Mrs. Murray.) He begs leave to assure its former patrons and the public, that no exertion will be spared to sustain its present reputation.

WILLIAM B. WILSON.

Newport, June 2, 1849.

BLEACHED & UNBLEACHED
LINEN TABLE COVERS,
WHITE LINENS.

AS LOW as can be bought in this place, at JAMES H. HAMMETT'S.

To the Hon. Court of Probate of Newport to be held on the first Monday in August, 1849.

THE subscriber, guardian of the estate in Rhode Island, of Emily Cordelia Burdick, a minor, daughter of Charles W. Burdick, Jun., deceased, residing in Rickford, Tioga County, State of New York, respectfully represents that the personal estate of said minor in Rhode Island is insufficient by the sum of one hundred and thirty-six dollars, to pay the just debts of said minor, presented to your petitioner and allowed by him, as of record in the registry of this Court appears.—He therefore prays that he may in his capacity of guardian of said minor, be authorized to sell her one undivided tenth part of the real estate in Newport, late owned and occupied by Charles W. Burdick, Sen., deceased, inherited by said minor in right of her late father, Charles W. Burdick, Jun., deceased, so much thereof will be sufficient to raise sum with incidental expenses, and as in said sum will ever pay.

THOMAS ROACH, Guardian.

Court of Probate, Newport, held on August 6, 1849.

UPON the petition of Thomas Roach, guardian of the estate of EMILY C. BURDICK, a minor, for liberty to sell her interest in certain Real Estate in Newport, late owned and occupied by Charles W. Burdick, dec.,

The same is read, received & referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in September next, the 3d day of said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given of the pendency and prayer thereof, by advertisement 3 successive weeks, in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place, and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

REMOVAL,

SIMON MOFFITT having removed his depot to SHEMAR STREET, about 8 rods South east from his former location, keeps constantly, a variety of Window Frames & Sashes,—glazed and unglazed; Blinds and Doors,—of various sizes.—He also manufactures Lock Sashes, of a superior kind, for strength and durability.

Having fitted up his shop in first rate order, he is able to turn out large or small JOBS with neatness and dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms. All those in want of such work, are respectfully invited to call and see for themselves.

N. B.—Building and Repairing particularly attended to.

Newport, Oct. 1, 1848.—t.

WM. H. SMITH,
DENTAL SURGEON,



WOULD inform the citizens of Newport and its vicinity, that he has taken rooms at Mrs. WILCOX'S, over Messrs. Fitch & Eng's Stone, (first door North of Swinburne's Block, Thames street,) where he will be in attendance to perform all operations essential to the preservation of the TEETH and GUMS. He will also insert ARTIFICIAL TEETH, from one, to an entire set, in the best possible manner. Work warranted and prices moderate.

Mr. S. has a number of years experience in his Profession, and therefore feels confident that he can perform all operations to the entire satisfaction of all parties.

Mr. S. would also state that he intends making Newport his permanent residence, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

Unquestionable references given, if required. He has a Compound Dentifrice for beautifying and preserving the Teeth; a very superior article, prepared by himself.

Newport, May 5, 1849.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE MAILS.

The Steamer *Hibernia*, Capt. Lang, arrived at Boston on Wednesday evening, at 10 o'clock, from Liverpool, whence she sailed on the 4th instant, making the passage in eleven days, and bringing seven days later intelligence from Europe.

The Empire City brought \$1,500,000 in gold dust.

The steamship Oregon arrived at Panama, from San Francisco, on the 23d July.

The accounts from the gold regions proper—those where the gold is obtained from the earth and the waters—present nothing of special interest. The streams, swollen by the melting of the winter snows, were falling apace, and work at the "wet diggings," which had been much impeded, was beginning to resume its former activity.

The reports of success are most contradictory, some representing it as very bad while others speak of vast daily gains. The returning heat was signalized, as usual, by prevalent sickness. The number of adventurers was very great, although many gangs were straggling back from the diggings, discouraged by toil, suffering and little profit; but their places were supplied by equal or greater numbers of new comers.

Of the political movements we have nothing definite, the time for holding the convention not having yet arrived. The *Alta Californian* of July 2d has a long article on the subject, the principle feature of which is a strong protest against adopting a constitution not having a distinct and positive clause against the recognition of slavery; the ground being taken that a constitution not having such a clause would neither be sanctioned by Congress nor accepted by the people of California. Other points are suggested by the editor, for determination by the convention.

An advertisement in the *Alta Californian* sets forth the eminent advantages of the site of the "City of New York of the Pacific." Lots are also advertised in the towns of Sutter, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Boston, Fremont, Napa, San Jose, Vernon, Webster, Suisun, Toulmin, St. Louis, &c. At San Francisco matters were in much the same condition as at the date of previous advices. Ships arriving were generally deserted by their crews, labor of all kinds commanding extravagant prices and rents or lodgings were held at proterous rates; but merchandize of all kinds was unsaleable or salable only at very moderate prices, not sufficient to cover prime cost and expenses.

Gen. Riley can rely upon ninety-five out of every hundred Americans to support him and the United States government.

STEAM TO CALIFORNIA.—An almost unknown steam communication will soon be opened between New York and the coast generally, and the gold regions at the head waters of the Sacramento and San Joaquin in the interior of California! A small steamer (the Gen. Herrera) is already placed on the Chagres river to take passengers from their steamships to Crues, and three similar vessels—the frames and engines having been sent out some time since—will be placed on the California rivers about the 1st of October, in readiness to take them from the Pacific steamers directly to the "diggings." So that within 60 days there will be an entire line of steam navigation from our Atlantic cities and the gold mines—with the exception of the 22 miles on the Isthmus from Crues to Panama; and this short track will be supplied with a railroad within 18 months.

THE CENSUS OF OREGON has just been taken, in pursuance of an act of Congress, and shows a total, present and absent, of 8,903 souls. This includes the foreign population, which amounts to less than 300 souls. By the census there are 2,599 voters in the territory, but in consequence of the absence of many who are in the mines, and by the reason of there being some six candidates, it is supposed that the successful aspirant for the office of delegate will not receive more than 200 votes.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening, Mr. James Crouch who resided on Waterloo street, in this city, was fatally injured by a kick from a horse in his own stable. He died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. It appears that he was engaged in harnessing the horse, and becoming entangled in some way, was kicked in such manner as shockingly to fracture his jaw. He was found in this distressing and helpless situation soon after by his wife, and although he lived some thirty-six hours, never spoke after receiving the injury. Mr. C. had been for twenty years a resident of this city and was much respected. He was 52 years of age.—*Rochester American*.

TIME WORKS WONDERS.—About 12 or 15 years ago two persons, who have since become very distinguished, pursued in the City of Cincinnati, occupations one would have thought not very likely to form generals, statesmen or soldiers, but who have each occupied no small portion of the attention of the world. The first of these, a working tinsman and brass founder, became the distinguished Gen. Arista of the Mexican army; and the second is the famous Garibaldi, then keeper of a *cafe*. At the same time Maroncelli, the companion of Silvio Pellico, taught music in New York, Louis Napoleon was writing his treatises on artillery at Geneva, in Switzerland, and Achille Murat was practicing law and planting sugar in Florida. There are certainly elms and flood, in every man's fortune.—*Washington Republic*.

A pedestrian feat worth mentioning was performed by a professional gentleman of this city who, we understand, left town on foot at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, and arrived at the Delaware Water Gap, a distance of seventy miles, the same evening. On Monday, after two days' rest, he started for home again on foot, stopped at Rockaway some hours to avoid a storm, and reached home at 11 o'clock the same evening.—*Newark Daily Advertiser*.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.—The *St. Andrews*, (N. B.) Standard contains the following extraordinary obituary notice:

"Died, at St. Stephen's, on the 21st of July, Mrs. Elizabeth Dodd, aged one hundred and eleven years.

In the death of this aged person there is a volume of history lost. Living in great retirement, the relic of forgotten age, few knew the stories she could tell of the brave old days. Born on board a British ship of the line in the Bay of Biscay, cradled on the broad Atlantic, her father killed fighting the battles of George I, she was cast an orphan on the shores of New York—Thence carried to St. Augustine, her youth was passed at the South. Here she married and settled on the banks of the Alabama. On the outbreak of the war between France, Spain, and England, she and other settlers were made prisoners and taken to New Orleans. After two years she was transferred to the Spaniards and taken to the castle of Vera Cruz, where she remained until its capture by the British in 1861. She was then relieved and then taken to New York. During the first American war she followed her husband through the principal campaigns, and was at many of the hardest fought battles—at Monmouth, White Plains, Yorktown, &c. At the close of the American war she came with the Loyalists to this province, 1787."

SINGULAR PRESENT.—Mr. Montefriedy, of Onondaga, died suddenly on Friday last of bilious cholera. Mr. M. was about 50 years of age, and usually enjoyed good health. About one week before his death he selected and purchased a lot in the cemetery in this city, and also selected stone for his monument at one of the stone cutting establishments in this city. He said he should be buried within three weeks though he was then in his usual health.

Mr. M. was a man of fine property, and married a daughter of the late Gen. Van Cortlandt, of this city.—*Syracuse Jour.*

On Monday afternoon while a large congregation had assembled in a church at Spotswood, to attend the funeral services of Dr. Lefferts, and just at the prayer preceding the sermon, near the whole of the ceiling came down with a tremendous crash upon the congregation. The fright and alarm are said to have been truly awful; the more so, no doubt, as just at that instant the whole edifice was shaken by a terrible clap of thunder, which is supposed to have disengaged the ceiling—it being before considerably cracked. Those of the congregation who were able left the church, making their exit through the doors and windows in the wildest confusion. Some three or four persons were very much injured, but it is hoped, not fatally. The services were postponed.—*Newark Adv.*

APPLES AS AN ARTICLE OF HUMAN FOOD.—The importance of apples, as food, has not hitherto been sufficiently estimated in this country nor understood. Besides contributing a large proportion of sugar, mucilage, and other nutritive matter, in the form of food, they contain such fine combination of vegetable acids, extractive substances, and aromatic principles, with the nutritive matter, as to act powerfully in the capacity of refrigerants, tonics, and antiseptics; and when freely used at the season of ripeness, by rural laborers and others, they "prevent debility, strengthen digestion, correct the putrefactive tendencies of nitrogenous food, avert scurvy, and probably maintain and strengthen the powers of productive labor."

The operators at Cornwall, in England, consider ripe apples nearly as nourishing as bread, and more so than potatoes. In the year 1801, a year of scarcity, apples, instead of being converted into cider, were sold to the poor; and the laborers asserted that they could stand their work on baked apples, without meat; whereas, a potato did require either meat or fish.

The French and Germans use apples extensively; indeed, it is rare that they sit down, in the rural districts, without them in some shape or other, even at the best tables. The laborers and mechanics depend on them, to a very great extent, as an article of food, and frequently dine on sliced apples and bread. Stewed with rice, red cabbage, carrots, or by themselves, with a little sugar and milk, they make both a pleasant and nutritious dish.

If all the world knew how little all the world cared about one's appearance—dressings, canes, watches, curlers, &c. &c.—in public assemblages, how much useless trouble and anxiety would it not prevent! People seem to think—and women particularly—that whenever they appear at church or at the theatre, every body else has come expressly to look at them. Now when we go to the theatre, it is to look at the performers. They are paid for being looked at—and frequently, we must confess, the spectator gets the worst of the bargain.

N. Y. Day Book.

BREAD FOR THE POOR.—Hon. Theodore Atkinson, who died in this town in 1779, left a legacy of £200 sterling to the Episcopal church in Portsmouth,—the interest of which he ordered to be expended in bread, which was to be distributed on Sunday to the poor of the parish. The fund has been carefully preserved, and the income, to this time, has been regularly expended in the way the benevolent donor designated. In this way more than a hundred thousand loaves, of four cents value, have been bestowed upon those who have most needed them. Although no miracle has been done, the donor in this way has literally fed more than five thousand, with five loaves, and left of fragments enough to feed as large a multitude in the next seventy years.

Portsmouth, N. H. Jour.

An effort is being made in St. Louis and elsewhere to establish a chapel for the use of boatmen on the western waters. There are 60,000 of these men employed on the steamboats, and 20,000 more, it is stated, upon the keel and flat boats of the Mississippi and its tributaries.

LARGE PIECE OF GOLD.—We were shown a few days since, the largest piece of gold we have yet seen. It was procured on the Stanislaus river, and brought here by Mr. Webber, of Stockton. It is about six inches in length, two and a half in width, and from one quarter to five eighths of an inch in thickness. To all appearances it is pure gold, and weighs seventy-eight ounces, or six and a half pounds Troy!—Its value at \$16 the ounce is \$1,248. A glorious day's work. With this piece we were shown two smaller pieces weighing about one pound each.—*Alta Californian*.

ST. LOUIS, AUG. 11.—An astounding defalcation has been discovered in the Bank of Missouri to-day, amounting to \$120,000, and is supposed to have been going on for years. Nathaniel Childs, late paying teller, has been arrested, but has given bail. He is highly respectable, now a Methodist preacher, and has lived here twelve years. He and Shields had keys of the bank. Childs resigned about three months since. Some question was then made about his having acquired so much property, but a satisfactory explanation was given, and his resignation accepted.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN CAMDEN.—A terrible accident happened at Camden, N. J. on Saturday afternoon. While a number of workmen were plastering a new three storied brick house, in Stevens street, near Fourth, the whole tenement, owing to the defective nature of the foundation and walls, without the least warning, tumbled down, carrying with it the gable wall of an adjoining house. Some of the workmen were buried so deep that it required several hours of superhuman exertions to extricate them. The demolished building was the property of T. Newell.

Philadelphia Gaz. Monday.

"WE RECTIFY NO MISTAKES."—The following good story is told in the New York Globe, which vouches for its strict accuracy, the person who got the money being in the office of that paper:

Mr. Jessurun, Treasurer of the building Association in this city, received yesterday from the Seamen's Saving Bank, a one thousand and dollar bill instead of a one hundred. He did not discover the mistake at the time, nor until an hour or two afterwards, when he was within an ace of passing away the bill for the amount he supposed it to represent; but caught a glimpse of the addition cipher before he passed it out of his hands. Hurrying back to the bank he informed the paying teller that he had made a mistake.

"We rectify no mistakes after the parties have left the bank," was the reply.

"Yes, but you've paid me too much money!"

This was quite "another pair of sleeves" The officers of the bank were instantly on the qui vive. Mr. Jessurun handed in the one thousand and received a one hundred in return, without even a "thank you!" by way of difference.

ROBBERY.—The house of Mr. Dixon, on Meeting Hill, in Somerville, was broken into by two men, on Tuesday night, for the purpose of robbery, but before they had time to secure any plunder they were overheard by Mrs. Dixon and daughter, who made such vigorous outcries to the neighbors for assistance that the rascals took to their heels and effected their escape. The burglars are supposed to be the same who entered the house of Mr. Swallow, in the same vicinity, a few nights before, and were discovered and made their exit by jumping from an attic window upon a shed, and thence to the ground.

Boston Transcript.

WAR AMONG THE BIRDS.—A large owl was captured by Mr. William King, of this city, on Wednesday evening, in a most singular manner. The window of one of the rooms of his house was open, and a small child was in bed alone in the room, just before dark. The child beginning to cry, some one went into the room to quiet it, and discovered the owl standing on one of the bedposts; and in and near the window were a considerable number of robins and other small birds, which had evidently driven his owl-ship into his present confinement, and were guarding the window to prevent the escape of their enemy. Mr. King was called and having shut the window, went into the room and caught and caged the bird, which he has still in his possession.—*Rochester American*.

THIEVING IN RUSSIA.—St. Petersburg contains the cleverest race of thieves in the world. The fact is acknowledged. An officer being warned that robberies were committed in the steamers on their departure for foreign countries, carefully kept his hands in his pockets while chatting with a friend of whom he came to take leave; the bell rung, he embraced his friend, and immediately put his hand into his pocket, but found them empty. Another laid his eye-glass on the counter of a theatre refreshment room and watched it very attentively; but, when he raised a tumbler to his lips, the eye-glass vanished. Cheating indeed is carried to such excess in Russia, that one might be tempted to say it is in the air or blood. Russian commerce and manufactures are unquestionably the most dishonest in the world; China and England have had equal reason to complain of it. The Chinese, who are too suspicious to receive without examination, the rolls of Russian cloth, find pieces of wood inside; the English receive grease instead of tallow.

Boston Mail.

AN ELECTION RECONTRE.—At Louisville on Tuesday last, a terrible affray occurred at the polls. Mr. Seymour, editor of a German paper, was first assaulted by a Mr. Means, when pistols and knives were drawn and four shots fired by different persons, besides volleys of brickbats. It ended in Mr. Means receiving a shot in his shoulder, and several being bruised and battered, and a boy about 10 years old being killed by a ball entering his back.—None of the parties were arrested.

A CHOLERA INCIDENT.—On Sunday afternoon, a man was seen on board a vessel on the South Boston Flats, making signals for assistance. Upon going on board it appeared that the vessel was the fishing schooner *Friendship*; that while at anchor there, the captain, Solomon Dill, had been seized with cholera, and had taken to his berth. Soon after, his son, the only one left on board, was also seized. In the afternoon, the father died, and for forty-eight hours the son lay helpless within sight of his father's dead body. Sunday afternoon, as above stated, the son recovered sufficiently to crawl out and call for assistance. The authorities finding that they belonged to him, are known to have contained money, one \$25, &c. They have been sent back to Concord. The robbery, it appears, was accomplished as follows. The robber having gone from the cars to the platform on the pretence that the motion made him sick, took advantage of a moment when attention was withdrawn to climb along the mail car to a window, into which he got, and secured his plunder by cutting open the bag. He was fortunate enough to get back undetected. The thief was afterwards seen on the platform wiping his hands, but nothing was then thought of the matter.—*Boston Traveller*.

Boston Traveller.

ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On Friday evening last, a gentleman and lady were riding in a chaise on the road from Somerville to Cambridge, and when in the midst of the grove of willows which is about half way between the two places, a man jumped from between the trees, and calling upon them to stop, attempted to seize the reins. The gentleman urged the horse forward, and turning the chaise a little at the same time, the shaft struck the man and knocked him down. He immediately arose and ran after the chaise, calling upon those within to stop, at the top of his voice. He kept pace with the chaise for some distance, although the horse was running at nearly the top of his speed, but did not succeed in his attempt to seize the reins. Finally, becoming exhausted, he discontinued the race. He was a tall, stout man, and appeared to be an American.

Boston Traveller.

TERMINAL COINCIDENCE OF RETRIBUTION.—Abraham Doyer, who committed an aggravated murder in this county about two years since and fled, was a short time ago arrested in Cincinnati and died of cholera. John Freedley, recently acquitted of the murder of his wife in this county, died also of the cholera. His case was of very great doubt; his conduct was most extraordinary and unfeeling, if he was innocent, but he has now gone to final judgment.—Carl Parpenberg, who, a few years ago, was acquitted of the murder of an Italian image maker, because the jury would not convict upon circumstantial evidence, has also died of the prevailing epidemic. Of his guilt, no doubt, except the legal doubt of the jury, was ever entertained.

Philadelphia Gaz. Monday.

"WE RECTIFY NO MISTAKES."—The following good story is told in the New York Globe, which vouches for its strict accuracy, the person who got the money being in the office of that paper:

Mr. Jessurun, Treasurer of the building Association in this city, received yesterday from the Seamen's Saving Bank, a one thousand and dollar bill instead of a one hundred. He did not discover the mistake at the time, nor until an hour or two afterwards, when he was within an ace of passing away the bill for the amount he supposed it to represent; but caught a glimpse of the addition cipher before he passed it out of his hands. Hurrying back to the bank he informed the paying teller that he had made a mistake.

Philadelphia Gaz. Monday.

A DOG THAT CHEWS TOBACCO.—A friend has just related to us a curious fact in natural history, respecting a dog. In North Attleboro', Mass., there is kept, in a manufacturing establishment, a large mastiff, who takes as much comfort with a quid of tobacco, as does the most inveterate lover of the weed. So habituated has he become with its use, that he must have it, and will sit all day in the centre of the workshop, chewing away with a great appetite, and a good relish. He became thus much like a man, by laying, when young, with "old soakers," as the ends of cigars are professionally termed. In such play he would occasionally find a "soaker" in his mouth, until at length a taste was formed for the tobacco, which has since continued to increase and now he is what he is. We believe this to be the "only instance on record" of any animal but man, and one species of worm, using the weed from pure love of it.—*Boston Cabinet*.

WHOLESALE CRIM CON.—A rather singular case of conspiracy occurred in Yates County the other day. A man named Davis induced his wife to swear before a magistrate that a number of the most respectable citizens of the county had been sustaining an improper intimacy with her. His object it seems was to "put money in his purse," for he immediately sent letters to a number of those implicated by his wife's oath desiring to compromise the matter by their paying him \$100 each.—This failing he visited them himself, used threats, &c., but with no better success, for having embraced so many in his conspiracy, the whole community almost became personally interested, and came down on him like "a cart-load of bricks." A coat of tar and feathers was to be applied, but he made tracks before he could receive his deserts.—*Boston Journal*.

WHOLESALE ARREST OF BLACKS.—A disturbance occurred at an early hour yesterday morning on the Five Points, caused by an attempt on the part of several blacks to prevent some of the officers of the Sixth Ward police from arresting two or three individuals against whom they had warrants.

The officers not being able in consequence of the mob to make the arrests, sent to the Station House for an additional police force, which on arriving were assailed by the mob of blacks with stones, brick bats, &c., several pistols were also fired by them. They were finally put down by the officers, and about thirty of their number were captured and brought to the Tombs. Justice McGrath committed them to prison in default of \$16,335.—*Boston Atlas*.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—The Boston Times states that on Wednesday, officer Taylor arrested a young woman on Salem street, believing from her actions that she was intoxicated. She was taken to the North Watch house and laid upon a couch.

A physician was called; and he, supposing her to be afflicted with delirium tremens, prescribed for it and left. The officers watched by her two or three hours, when she (probably feeling that she would like to get better) mentioned in a faint voice "laudanum." Mr. Fuller immediately went to the public garden and enter the gate in the corner by the hot house, and look or feel underneath the left side of the steps, nearly under the base, you will find some things that have been missing."

Mr. Clapp's first impression upon reading the letter, was to take no notice of it, but the "sober second thought" prompted him to go to the place, and accordingly in the afternoon he visited the garden, and found in the spot described in the letter, the pocket book stolen from Messrs. Newell & Andrews, with all its contents; *minus* the money, and it was restored to them.

The papers which it contained were notes of hand, bank checks, bills of exchange to the amount of \$16,335.—*Boston Atlas*.

HIGH POSTAGE.—Eleven dollars and six cents was paid on a letter to the care of Mr. G. W. Simmons of this city, received by the last mail from California, from a young man formerly Foreman in the Boys Cutting Department at Oak Hall. It was his first remittance of sixteen ounces of gold dust collected by himself at the mines, and remitted home to his mother.—*Bost. Jour.*

At the quarantine ground in St. Louis is a harmless, insane German woman named Catharine Weber, 3

NEWPORT MERCURY,
NEWPORT.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1849.

Arrival of Mr. Clay.

Mr. Clay arrived in this town last evening in the steamer *Perry* from Providence. He was accompanied by James B. Clay, his son, with the family of the latter; Henry Clay, Jr., his grand-son, and four servants. A large throng assembled on the wharf, and greeted him with cheers as he came from the boat.

Mr. C. has taken rooms at the Atlantic House.

THE NEW YORK MAIL.—We are informed that a permanent arrangement has been made between the Post Office Department at Washington, and the Fall River Steamboat Company, for the transmission of the mails to and from this place. The mails for New York will now close, daily, at 7 P. M., and open at 5 A. M.

THE STEAMER ARGO, Capt. Winslow, will make an excursion on Monday next, for the Camp Meeting at the Vineyard, on the arrival of the cars from Woonsocket, touching at Bristol about 9 1/2 o'clock, and at Newport at 11 o'clock. Fare for single passage \$1; both ways \$1.50.

This will afford a very pleasant and convenient opportunity to those who may wish to attend the Camp Meeting or visit New Bedford.

THE GERMANIA MUSICAL SOCIETY will give a Sacred Concert, to-morrow evening, at the Ocean Hall.

WILLIAM G. HAMMOND, Jr., of this town, graduated with the Salutary Oration, at the annual commencement of Amherst College, last week.

The Methodist will commence their annual Camp Meeting on the 21st inst., in the Wesleyan, Martha's Vineyard. The camp ground is circular, and contains several acres.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW, for July, has been received. Its contents are—Poems of Alfred Tennyson, Ancient Assyria, Literature of the Middle Ages, Botany, Earthquakes in New Zealand, Freehold Assurance and Colonization, Hungary, Louis Napoleon; the French Elections, Foreign Literature; Critical and Miscellaneous Notices.

GODEY'S LADY'S Book for September, is already upon our table. The pictorial and typographical departments of this magazine are far superior to any other which we have seen. *Tidley* is the Agent.

A GRAND BALL is to be given at the Bellevue House on Monday evening next.

We learn that the Cholera has appeared with great violence in Taunton. Thursday there were three deaths, all within 24 hours.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE ACROSS THE OHIO.—The footway of the Wire Suspension Bridge, extending one thousand and ten feet, from Wheeling to the Ohio side, has been completed, and was successfully crossed on the 13th by a large number of persons.

STEAMER EMPIRE STATE, on her way up Lake Michigan, was run ashore 9th inst., in a gale, having sprung a leak. All on board were saved, but the boat and freight were likely to be a total loss.

The editor of the *Charleston Courier* was presented with a peach, on the 2d inst., which weighed nearly half a pound.

The estimated loss of property by the last fire in St. Louis, which destroyed the steamers Mary, San Francisco, Algoma, Phenix and Dubuque, is \$71,000 on the boats, and \$77,000 on their cargoes.

WELL DOING.—The Boston Transcript understands that the relatives of a young man named Sweetser, who went from Cambridge to California, have received a letter from him stating that he secured \$15000 and loaned it to those gentlemen for the term of two years, without interest. Four of the banks of that city loaned them \$1000 each, also for two years, and charged the interest to the stockholders, making in all \$12,000.

MR. HENRY ROCKWELL, the celebrated circus manager, well-known to our citizens as one of the late firm of Rockwell & Stone, died at Cincinnati on the 30th ult. Mr. Rockwell was a very popular man, and did much to elevate the profession to which he belonged. His ambition was to make the equestrian profession in America what it was in England in the days of Ducrow. Originally, an excellent performer himself, he produced very eminent pupils; among whom may be mentioned Hiram W. Franklin, the best general performer in the world. Benjamin Runnells, W. O. Dale, and others. Oscar Stone, his late partner, died about two years since.

GOOD NEWS FOR LEAN PERSONS.—Professor Johnson has proved, according to analysis, that so far as the fat-forming process is concerned, bran, for a given weight is the richest, and that the whole grain ground together is one half richer than fine flour. If this analysis be correct, lean persons should eat bran bread, and leave pure flour to the fat. The same professor says that the unbolted flour contains a larger proportion of muscle forming matter.

The most mischievous liars are those that keep on the verge of truth.

THE JERSEY CROPS.—The rye, wheat, and oat crop throughout the lower part of Jersey, have by their abundance fully come up to the expectations of the husbandman in that quarter. Potatoes are growing finely, the rot having as yet given but little indication of injury. The prospect for corn, though all the season favorable, has been increased by the recent rains, which carries it beyond danger. The late showers have also been well-timed for buckwheat, the preparation of the ground for which is now in progress. This is an important fact in which all the lovers of buckwheat cakes are deeply interested. The peaches, cantaloupes, melons, and other cholera truck, are not of much account this season and growers cannot calculate much on the profits to be reaped from them.

BLACK LEAD.—The lead from which pencil points are made, comes from the principal plumbago mine in the world, at Borrowdale, Cumberland, England. It is situated in a hill, and instead of its being worked constantly, like other mines, it is opened only once a year, when a sufficient quantity is taken to supply the world for a year to come, and it is again closed, with strong doors, bars and locks, until the next annual supply is required. From the time of Queen Elizabeth it is said that all the fine pencils in the world have been made of the black lead from this mine.

BACK AGAIN.—Several of the students of South Carolina College resolved to drag the carriage of Doctor Maxey into the woods, and fixed upon night for the performance of the exploit. One of their number, however, was troubled with some compunctions visitings, and managed to convey to the worthy President a hint, that it would be well for him to secure the door of his carriage house. Instead of paying any heed to this suggestion, the Doctor proceeded, on the appointed night, to the carriage house, and ensconced his portly person inside the vehicle. In less than an hour some half dozen young gentlemen came to his retreat, and cautiously withdrew the carriage into the road. When they were fairly out of the College precincts they forgot their reserve and began to joke freely with each other by name.

One of them complained of the weight of the carriage, and another replied by swearing that it was heavy enough to have the old fellow himself in it. For nearly a mile they proceeded along the highway, and then struck into the woods, to a cover which they concluded would effectually conceal the vehicle. Making themselves infinitely merry at the Doctor's expense, and conjecturing how and when he would find his carriage, they at length reached the spot where they had resolved to leave it. Just as they were about to depart—having once more agreed that the "carriage was heavy enough to have the old Doctor and all his tribe in it"—they were startled by the sudden dropping of one of the glass door panels, and the well known voice of the Doctor himself thus addressed them:—

"So, so, young gentlemen, you are going to leave me in the woods are you?"

"Surely, as you have brought me hither for your own gratification, you will not refuse to take me back for mine. Come, Messrs. —, and —, and —, buckle to, and let us return; it's getting late!"

There was no appeal; for the window was raised, and the Doctor resumed his seat. Almost without a word, the discomfited young gentlemen took their places at the pole, at the back of the vehicle, and quite as expeditiously if with less voice, did they retrace their course. In silence they dragged the carriage into its wonted place, and then retreated precipitately to their rooms, to dream of the account they must render on the morrow. When they had gone, the Doctor quietly vacated the carriage, and went to his house where he related the story to his family with much glee. He never called the heroes of that nocturnal expedition to an account, nor was his carriage ever afterwards dragged a night into the woods.—*Spirit of the Age.*

LIBERTY.—The St. Louis Republican says:—Very recently Messrs. Johnson & Morton, steamboat cabin builders of Cincinnati, had the misfortune to have their saw mill and planing machine consumed by fire, by which they experienced such a loss as to almost disable them from rebuilding. When the fact was made known, the enterprising citizens of that place, being fully alive to the importance of sustaining such establishments, immediately went to work and raised by subscription the sum of \$8000 and loaned it to those gentlemen for the term of two years, without interest. Four of the banks of that city loaned them \$1000 each, also for two years, and charged the interest to the stockholders, making in all \$12,000.

A LAWYER IMPRISONED.—In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, Robert Alsop, a member of the bar, convicted of obtaining a sum of money under false pretences, was sentenced by Judge Parsons, to pay a fine of \$600, and to be imprisoned in the Eastern Penitentiary for four months. The name of the prisoner was likewise ordered to be stricken from the roll of practising attorneys of the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas.

The Daily Sandusky of Aug. 1st says:—

"Welch, Delavan & Nathan's Circus Company had disbanded, after nearly every member of the company had been attacked by the cholera, and two had died. They had broke up at Springfield, Ohio, and scattered."

The Mayor of New York, has recently endeavored to close the dram shops of that city, but is said after the most vigorous efforts on the part of the city authorities, the attempt failed. Though it is not yet a

banned.

In this town, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Brooks, Mr. ARTHUR B. MUMFORD to Miss Mary Jasz, eldest daughter of Mr. John C. Allman, all of this place.

DEATHS.

In Tiverton, R. I., 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr. McKenno, Mr. CHRISTOPHER H. MANCHESTER to Miss ELIZABETH ANN TANNER, both of Little Compton.

DEATHS.

In this town, on Saturday last, WILLIAM G. CRANDALL, aged 39 years, son of the late Capt. Joseph Crandall.

In this town, on Wednesday last, Mrs. RUTH CLARK, widow of William Clark, aged about 82 years.

In this town on Tuesday last, JOHN HENRY, infant son of William Stevens, 3d.

In North Kingstown, on Monday last, MARGARET, wife of Samuel W. Peckham, Esq., of Providence, in the 33d year of her age.

In North Kingstown, on the 11th inst., after a lingering illness, Capt. JOHN ELBARD, in the 55th year of his age.

In Westerly 2d inst., Mrs. ELIZABETH T. SEAGREN, wife of Thomas W. Segar, and daughter of Wm. H. Brugman, Esq., of South Kingstown, in the 37th year of her age.

In Wickford, on the 1st inst., ALICE TILLINGHAST, eldest daughter of Pardon T. Hammond, Esq., in the 22d year of her age.

In Warwick, Monday morning, Hon. DUDLEY ANKINS, in the 57th year of her age.

In Providence on Monday evening 13th inst., HENRY D. TERRY, of Savannah, Ga., in the 31st year of his age; on Wednesday evening, Mr. SEBASTIAN FRENCH, in the 25th year of his age.

In Gardner, Mass., Aug. 5th, Mrs. HALEY M. MOSES, wife of the late Mr. John Moses, and daughter of Mr. Barnard Hill.

At Sandusky, Ohio, (of cholera) Capt. RICHARD WEEDEN, formerly of this town, aged 39 years.

Court of Probate Little Compton Aug. 13, 1849. An instrument in writing dated 5th day of February 1848, purporting to be the last will and testament of GODFREY PEARCE,

late of Little Compton, dec'd., was presented by James Pearce, sole Executor named therein for Probate, and for letters testamentary to issue thereon.

It is ordered that the same be received, and the consideration thereof, referred to a Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall in said Little Compton on Monday the 16th day of September next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury* that all persons interested may appear at said time and place and be heard.

OTIS WILBOUR, Probate Clerk.

Executor's Notice.

EDWIN WILBUR, having been appointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of NANCY WILBUR,

late of Newport, single woman, dec'd., and given bond as the law directs, all persons having demands against said estate are requested to present them for settlement, and those indebted to make immediate payment to him.

Newport, Aug. 13, 1849.

Guardian's Notice.

THE Subcriber having been by the Honorable Court of Probate of Little Compton, appointed Guardian of the persons and estates of *Harriet A. White, Mary C. White, Elizabeth W. White, Thomas E. White, Benjamin B. White, Martha L. White, Pardon E. White, Susan F. White, and Charles G. White*, minors, children of David D. White, late of said Little Compton, dec'd., and having qualified herself according to law, hereby gives notice to the Creditors of her said wards, to exhibit their claims to her, within six months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said minors, to pay the same to her immediately.

PATIENCE WHITE, *Guardian.*

Little Compton, August 13, 1849.

Administrator's Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice, that he has been appointed Administrator on the estate of DAVID D. WHITE,

late of Little Compton, deceased, and has accepted of said trust, and qualified himself according to law. He therefore requests all the Debtors to said estate, to make immediate payment, and all persons having demands against said estate, to present the same for settlement to

CHRISTOPHER T. WHITE, *Adm'r.*

Little Compton, Aug. 13, 1849.

Touro Street Boarding House at Auction.

On the 30th of Aug. 1849, by virtue of the authority granted to me by the Hon. Court of Probate of the Town of Newport, will be sold at Public Auction, to close a deceased estate, on THURSDAY Aug. 30, 1849, at 11 o'clock, A. M. on the premises:

THE well known Touro Street Boarding House and estate, late the property of and long occupied by the late CHARLES WHITFIELD, dec'd.

Said lot fronting on Touro street, measures 182 feet, from front to rear, 150 feet. The house is four stories high, 80 feet front and 50 feet from front to rear, with one wing 18 feet by 30, and one 18 by 16 ft, both two stories high, containing 80 rooms and is capable of accommodating 100 boarders. Connected with the house are ample out kitchens, servant's rooms, cisterns &c. &c. Also, on the same lot is a new one story cottage, well built, and measuring 364 feet front, and 26 feet deep, capable of being converted into a nice dwelling house at small expense.

This large establishment, although not equal to our modern fashionable Hotels—still is in good repair and can be made to possess all the comforts and advantages necessary to ensure a fair patronage, and furnishes a good opportunity for any disposed to embark in this business. Also, immediately after the Lot and commodious Stable on the opposite side of the street, now and always occupied by Wm. C. Tenant. Said Lot measures 50 feet front on Touro street and 135 ft to the rear on Barney street. The Stable is 35 feet wide and 54 feet long, two full stories high; good substantial frame and well built, furnished with carriage sheds, good water &c.

Also, all the right, title and interest of the said late Charles Whitfield, dec'd., in the well known House and Lots directly opposite the Touro House consisting in one undivided half part of the whole of said Homestead Estate—subject to a deed of conveyance from the aforesaid Charles Whitfield, of all his right, title and interest to his sister, Elizabeth B. Ferry—during the term of her life, said lots will measure about 294 feet on Touro st., and running back about 344 feet.

Any one desirous of further information or wishing to examine the property can do so at any time by application to the administrator. A more particular description, terms of sale and time of possession given at the sale.

WM. C. COZZENS, *Administrator.*

Aug. 4.]

The Boarding House above offered for sale, is now occupied and every room fully supplied with Furniture—which will be offered for sale with the House, if desired by the purchaser at a very low price, said Furniture having been invented by Appraisers appointed by Law, can be sold cheap, and furnishes an additional inducement to purchase the House, as it can in this way be furnished at less than half what it would cost to furnish it anew; any information will be given on application to

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We have just completed manufacturing one of the most tastefully arranged stocks of Ready made Clothing ever offered to the public. Our stock is large and our goods all fresh and new, having been selected from the best Foreign and Home fabrics, at the LOWEST PRICES, which enables us to offer clothing at almost HALF THE USUAL COST. If those who are in want of Clothing will look through our stock, they will find

SPLENDID BARGAINS.

In addition to the above large stock of Clothing, we have purchased in Boston this week a very large assortment of Furnishing Goods, of every description, usually kept in a Clothing Store.

These goods shall be sold low for cash,

Costs of a hundred kinds we have,

Such ones we know would suit you well;

The most fastidious have bought,

And praised them high and so they ought.

We have on hand upward of 4000 pair of pants,

Of Doe Skins, Broadcloth and cassimere,

More kinds than we can tell you here,

There's not a form however poor,

To which they can't impart a cure.

CHILDRENS CLOTHING.

Such as Round Jackets, Sack Jackets, Sacks,

Tunicks, small frocks, fancy caps, childrens belts,

TRUNKS, VALICES & CARPET BAGS.

An unusual large assortment bought in New York and Boston, which shall be sold at lower prices than ever offered.

HATS AND CAPS.

We have just received our spring styles of Hats and Caps of the latest patterns and made to our order and adapted in shapes and prices to the wishes of the purchaser and his pocket.

Uncas lies the head that wears the crown."

The most anxious and disturbed brain will be restored to perfect calmness by wearing by our New York hats.

[Mech. 17.]

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Newport, April 21, 1849.—tf.

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June 30.

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E. J. READ.

Clerk's Office, Court of Probate, Middletown, July 20, 1849.

THE EXECUTOR'S 9th account on the estate of

GEORGE IRISH,

of Middletown, Esq., dec., was this day

lodged in this office, with a request that the same be examined and allowed at a Court of Probate to be held at the Town House in Middletown, on the third Monday of August next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Notice is therefore hereby given to all persons interested in said estate to appear at said Court, if they see fit and be heard in relation to the allowance of said account.

JOSHUA COGGESHALL, Probate Clerk.

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June 23, 1849.—tf.

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June 23, 1849.

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